### **UTAH OGM COAL PROGRAM MEETING NOTES**

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Date:

September 9, 2008

Time:

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Location:

**Emery County Courthouse** 

To:

Internal File, General

From:

Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor

Jim Smith, Permit Supervisor

Attendees:

(see attached list) Emery County Water Users/ OGM/ Emery County Coal

Operators/Water Rights

Purpose:

Discuss water issues with the Division, Water Rights, Emery County water users,

and mine operators

#### **MEETING SUMMARY:**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions: Jim Smith
- 2. Crandall Canyon Mine Discharge. No water coming from portals. It has all been diverted into culverts and is discharging to bypass culvert. Seeping from the cliff face is not considered a problem: it has been there for years.
- 3. Good water year. Jay Humphrey indicated reservoirs in good shape. The district was going to do a water enhancement project again (seeding using propane). Cody Allred said Electric Lake spilled first time since 1998 for ten days. Did a flushing flow to stream below. Average inflow is 10 cfs. Now down to 8 cfs. JC1 pumping at 4100 gpm. Huntington North reservoir is still pretty full. Have carryover for next year.
- 4. Coal and Minerals Program Updates: Daron Haddock—Changes-Susan White no longer in Minerals Program but now RDCC/NEPA Coordinator, interviewing for a new Minerals Program Supervisor to be filled soon. Coal Program hired April Abate who will start on September 29, 2008. Looking to hire a new biologist within the next week or so. a) Crandall Canyon involved in East Mountain reclamation. b) Lila Canyon put in crest gages and samplers and doing some grubbing. c) Trail Mountain looking at doing lease relinquishment. d) Bear Canyon doing transfer to Hiawatha Coal Company. e) Coal Hollow completed TA and company to respond. f) Kinney Mine Completed Administrative Review and doing the Technical Analysis. Center for Water Advocacy has protested and requested a conference. The conference will be held on September 30, 2008 at the PFO starting at 9:00 a.m.
- 5. Marc Stilson, Talked about Colorado River Fish Recovery Program. All of diversions are considered to be depletions. This is different than Water Rights view. Water use is reported by mines to DOGM who then reports to USFWS who calculates fee for depletion. Pressure on State Engineer to close Colorado Basin to new appropriations.

## ACTION ITEMS: (Include item, timeline, and responsible person.)

Next Meeting: February 10, 2009 1 p.m.

Sheryl Ward wants an update where mines are mining in relation to outcrops (Emery County).

Jay Humphrey suggested inviting XTO to come and discuss what their plans are.

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## Emery County Water Users/ OGM/ Emery County Coal Operators/ Water Rights September 9, 2008 1:30 to 2:30

## Meeting Purpose: To discuss water issues related to coal mining in the Emery County area.

Welcome and Introductions	
Crandall Canyon Mine Water Discharge	
3. Water Users and Electric Lake Data Updates	
4. Coal and Mineral Program Updates	
5. Water Rights: questions on Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program 5 min Marc Stilson	
6. Other questions or issues	
7. Next Meeting Feb 10, 2009 1 to 3  Tuesday, December 9, 2008 - 1:30 to 3:00 PM  Agenda items?  SUFCO North Water (Chris Hansen)	

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